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News and Notes from the
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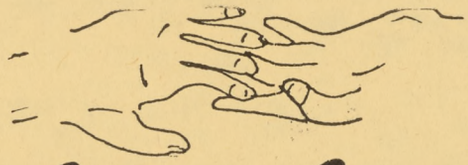

Keeping in Touch

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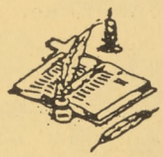


MAY 1985
Top 20 Tithes
(Received by June 15th, 1985)

1.	MCC Dallas	Dallas, TX	$2,215.80
2.	MCC of the Resurrection	Houston, TX	$1,554.40
3.	MCC in Valley	No. Hollywood, CA	$1,160.96
4.	MCC Long Beach	Long Beach, CA	$1,115.88
5.	Ch. of H. Spirit MCC, Ft.Lauderdale	FL	$ 920.99
6.	MCC Los Angeles	Los Angeles, CA	$ 800.12
7.	MCC of Greater St. Louis	St. Louis, MO	$ 758.57
8.	MCC of Greater Kansas City	K.C., MO	$ 624.16
9.	MCC Washington	Washington, DC	$ 595.06
10.	Agape MCC of Ft.Worth	Ft. Worth, TX	$ 512.28
11.	MCC San Francisco	San Francisco, CA	$ 510.51
12.	Christ Chapel MCC	Santa Ana, CA	$ 503.00
13.	MCC New York	New York, NY	$ 489.57
14.	MCC Portland	Portland, OR	$ 442.17
15.	River City MCC	Sacramento, CA	$ 432.34
16.	MCC Toronto	Toronto, Canada	$ 417.66
17.	All God's Children MCC- Minneapolis	MN	$ 374.82
18.	Holy Covenant MCC	La Grange, IL	$ 369.99
19.	Good Shepherd Parish MCC	Chicago, IL	$ 367.64
20.	MCC Seattle	Seattle, WA	$ 364.66

(Canadian currency changed to U.S.)

MAY 1985
Top 20 Tithes
- Per Capita -
(Received by June 15, 1985)

1.	Diablo Valley MCC	Concord, CA	$23.59
2.	All Saints MCC of Atlanta	Atlanta, GA	$21.12
3.	New Life MCC	Charlotte, NC	$18.39
4.	Harlem MCC	New York, NY	$17.58
5.	Christ Chapel MCC	Santa Ana, CA	$16.71
6.	Calvary MCC	Redwood City, CA	$16.40
7.	MCC of Palm Beaches	W.Palm Beach, FL	$16.05
8.	MCC Salem	Salem, OR	$14.72
9.	MCC in the Valley	No.Hollywood, CA	$14.46
10.	Johnson County MCC	Olathe, KS	$14.44
11.	MCC Eugene	Eugene, OR	$14.19
12.	Faith Eternal MCC	Springfield, IL	$14.13
13.	MCC San Jose	San Jose, CA	$13.98
14.	Immanuel MCC	Claymont, DE	$13.21
15.	New Life MCC	Oakland, CA	$13.20
16.	Good Shepherd MCC	Chicago, IL	$13.18
17.	MCC Knoxville	Knoxville, TN	$13.17
18.	MCC Charlotte	Charlotte, NC	$12.65
19.	MCC Washington	Washington, DC	$12.40
20.	Trinity MCC	New York, NY	$12.28

PRAISES!!

Praise God for Steve Pieter's continued good health!

Praise God for "Mom" Perry's recovery and increased good health after her mild stroke in May.

MCC Boise has elected Rev. Elect Ed Sheriff as their new Pastor. Congratulations Ed and MCC Boise!

"All Systems are go" for General Conference XII in Sacramento, CA., July 1-7, 1985.
Thanks to Jim Voltz and Madeline Reed our local MCC Conference Coordinator - Praise God for their hard work and dedication... and all those folks who have worked so hard to see this Conference happen!

Dominque Mouthe and his lover, Patrick are alright! Praise God! Their house was destroyed by arson because of their work with MCC in Lyon, France - They will be with us at General Conference.

PRAISE FROM MCC ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA:

1. "A recent Christian Response to AIDS seminar was a great hit. Held at Adelaide University, it was sponsored by MCC-Adelaide, Integrity (Gay Anglicans and friends) and Acceptance (Catholic Gay Support Group). Seventy people attended and may came from other gay organizations. A number of priests attended.

2. "God has blessed us in recent months with an almost doubling in offerings over 1984. Now increases in ministry are bringing increases in attendance including women. Hallelujah.

3. "We are looking at new creative ways of ministering. Our average attendance is 10-15, yet we have a statewide and national mailing list of over 70 for our monthly magazine. In the possible pipeline is a gay christian phone in service in liaison with other gay christian groups.

4. "Lay ministry is really being experienced, and God is blessing us in a new way as people take on new part time responsibilities.

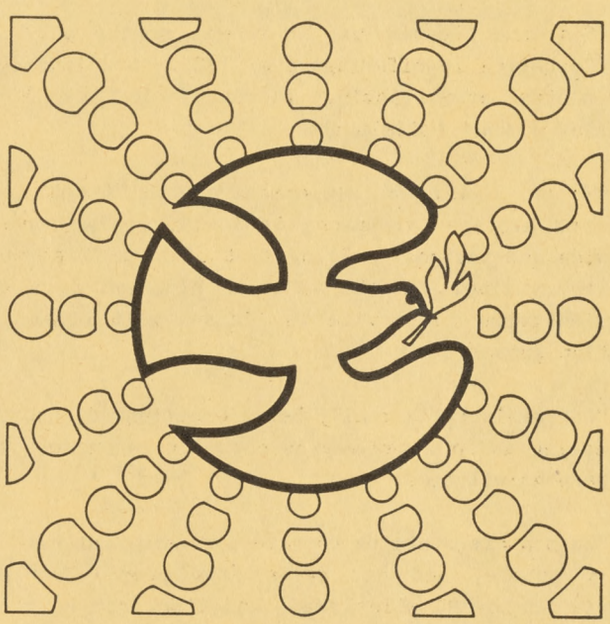
5. "We now are starting to have a regular outreach to country people, and get calls from people for MCC contact, up to 400 miles away, and also from Perth in Western Australia (2,000 miles away). Pray that God will continue to nurture and provide labourers. There is lots of harvesting to be done!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jill Thompson of MCC-NY has decided not to renew her clergy credentials in order to pursue a new direction in her spiritual journey, with an eastern meditation group. Jill has resigned her clergy-on-staff position at MCC-NY, but remains a participant in Sunday worship there. She says: "I have been sure to tell all those who are affected by this decision that my love and joy concerning UFMCC and MCC-NY in particular, has not changed. UFMCC, I believe, has been called to a very particular task, and it is with gratitude that I reflect on my 4 years of ministry in MCC as a clergyperson. My hope and prayer is that the credentialled leadership of UFMCC remain true to the vision to which God has called this church, and that they continue to have strength, courage, and guidance of the Holy Spirit."

"The Northwest District is accepting nominations and resumes for people interested in running for any of the District Offices at our October Conference. Nominations and Resumes may be sent to Reverend Robert E. Pierce, Golden Gate MCC, 1748 Clay Street, San Francisco, CA 94109. Before nominating someone other than oneself, please get that individual's permission and resume."

The Board of Elders was saddened to learn of the death of Dr. George Johnson, in May. Dr. Johnson helped to found MCC congregations in Springfield, Missouri and Santa Fe, New Mexico. He is survived by his lover, Steve Lewis. Donations in Dr. Johnson's memory may be made to "Memorial Fund for Hospice of Santa Fe," at St. Vincent Hospital, P.O. Box 8009, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501.



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TO BE A BLESSING
TO THE CHURCH
TO THE WORLD

NEW MATERIALS AVAILABLE

Inclusive Language brochure - The official UFMCC Statement. Have you forgotten what we passed in Houston in 1981? Would you like The UFMCC policy to share with your congregation?
(1 @ $ .25, 25 @ $5.25, 50 @ $10.00, 100 @ $15.00, 500 @ $65.00)

"The Ecumenical Witness and Ministry of MCC" - Do you wonder what "ecumenical" means? Do you want to know the real reason(s) we applied for membership in the National Council of Churches of Christ, USA?
(1 @ $ .30, 25 @ $3.50, 50 @ $7.50, 100 @ $12.00, 500 @ $55.00)

AIDS pamphlet (by Rev. Steve Pieters)
(1 @ $ .20, 25 @ $5.00, 50 @ $7.50, 100 @ $12.00, 500 @ $55.00)

"AIDS: IS IT GOD'S JUDGEMENT?"
(1 @ $ .25, 25 @ $5.25, 50 @ $10.00, 100 @ $15.00, 500 @ $65.00)

All these very informative brochures are available now at the Fellowship Offices for purchase. Simply write, or telephone the UFMCC Offices and ask for "Church Services." We are very pleased with the brochures and are certain that you will be too.

COMING UP:

(In the next Keeping In Touch)

A Summary of the results of General Conference XII.

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During General Conference, the Fellowship Offices will be staffed, and the phones will be answered, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Pacific time, except for the Holidays, 4th and 5th of July.

HAPPY 12th GENERAL CONFERENCE UFMCC!!!

SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Fall Examination Applications Due To: Rev. Claudia Vierra 805 W. Idaho, Suite 419 Boise, ID 83702 ←Eastern Canadian District Conference→ London, Ontario	2 Labor Day	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Samaritan College Fall Term Begins	10 Fellowship & District Tithes Due *District Coordinators Reports Due*	11	12	13	14
15	16 First Day of Rosh Hashanah	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 First Day of Yom Kippur	26	27	28
29	30		CRIBE SUBSCRIBE SUB SUBSCRIBE SUBSCRIBI CRIBE SUBSCRIBE SUB SUBSCRIBE SUBSCRIBI CRIBE **JOURNEY** SUI SUBSCRIBE SUBSCRIBI CRIBE SUBSCRIBE SUI SUBSCRIBE SUBSCRIBI CRIBE SUBSCRIBE SUI			

OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Quarterly Pension Assessments Due To: Board of Pensions P.O. Box 9170 Anaheim, CA 92802	2	3	4	5
6 Fellowship Sunday Seventeenth Anniversary	7	8	9	10 Fellowship & District Tithes Due *District Coordinators Reports Due*	11 ← Northwest District Conference, San Francisco —	12 First Church Started Outside U.S. in London, England 1972 *First Spanish Speaking Church started in New York City, 1973*
13 N.W. Dist. Conf., S.F. →	14 Hispanic Americas Day Columbus Day Thanksgiving Day (Canada)	15 Quarterly Financial Report Due	16	17	18 ← Great Lakes District Conference, Louisville, KY ← Mid Atlantic District Conference, Lancaster, PA	19
20 Great Lakes Dist. Conf. → M.A.D. Dist. Conf. →	21	22 ← Board of Elders Meeting	23	24 United Nations Day	25 →	26
27 Daylight Savings Time Ends	28	29	30	31 Halloween		CRIBE SUBSCRIBE SUB SUBSCRIBE SUBSCRIBE CRIBE SUBSCRIBE SUB SUBSCRIBE SUBSCRIBE CRIBE **JOURNEY** SUI SUBSCRIBE SUBSCRIBI CRIBE SUBSCRIBE SUI SUBSCRIBE SUBSCRIBI CRIBE SUBSCRIBE SUB